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1. JAPAN

MFA SAID 1/5 THAT GROMYKO PLANS ARRIVE TOKYO FRIDAY ON FIVE-DAY VISIT. SCHEDULE INCLUDES TWO ROUNDS OFFICIAL TALKS WITH MIYAZAWA, AUDIENCE WITH EMPEROR. MRS. GROMYKO PLANS ACCOMPANY (REUTER TOKYO).

TRUMBULL (NYT SPECIAL 1/3) IN OTTAWA CITES WAR-TIME PM MACKENZIE KING DIARY NOTE EXPRESSING RELIEF FIRST A-BOMB DROPPED ON JAPANESE RATHER THAN "WHITE RACES OF EUROPE". LATER WROTE A-BOMB USE ONLY JUSTIFIED BY "KNOWLEDGE THAT FOR ONE LIFE DESTROYED, IT MAY SAVE UNCLASSIFIED

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HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS," BRING "TERRIBLE WAR" TO QUICK END. DIARIES RELEASED NEW YEAR'S DAY UNDER RULE THAT BANS PUBLICATION OF SECRET GOVT DOCUMENTS FOR 30 YEARS. MANY ENTRIES SHOW KING'S BELIEF IN SPIRIT WORLD, DESCRIBE

"VISIONS" IN WHICH MET DEAD FATHER, OTHER DECEASED
(ABRIDGED SUN 1/3).

CULLISON (JOC) IN TOKYO NOTES ITI MIN KOMOTO ARRIVED
TEHERAN 1/5, ON LONG-PROMISED TWO-WEEK ME VISIT IRAN,
IRAQ, EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA. CARRIES MESSAGES BY PM MIKI

O HEADS OF STATE. PLANS DISCUSS PROBLEMS AFFECTING
JAPANESE TECHNOLOGICAL, FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS.
FIRST VISIT BY GOJ MINISTER SINCE THEN-ITI MIN NAKASONE
TOURED ME IN 1974.

POLICE SAID MONDAY RECORD OF MORE THAN 64 MILLION
PEOPLE VISITED SHRINE OR TEMPLE DURING THREE-DAY
NEW YEAR HOLIDAY (REUTER TOKYO).

SUN (1/3) CARRIES AP PHOTO OF EMPREOR, EMPRESS RECEIVING
NY GREETINGS FROM FLAG-WAVING CROWD AT TOKYO PALACE.

2. INDOCHINA

HANOI RADIO SAYS SEN KENNEDY, IN LETTER TO NVN DEP PM
TRINH, HOPES US WILL CONTRIBUTE TOWARD HEALING
"WOUNDS OF WAR". LETTER ALSO ASKS FOR INFO ON MIAS,
VISITS BY US EXPERTS TO IMPROVE RELS (WP 1/4; AP
WSTAR 1/4, SUN 1/4), STATES RECONSTRUCTION AID TO VN
WOULD REFLECT FEELINGS OF MANY AMERICANS (AP WSTAR 1/4,
SUN 1/4). KENNEDY ADDS ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE RETURN
REMAINS 2 MARINES KILLED APR 29 (AP, SUN 1/4).

SUN'S ISAACS (1/3) SEES TRINH'S OFFER TO KENNEDY TO
RETURN MARINES' REMAINS AS MOST RECENT HANOI GESTURE
TO MOVE TOWARD RAPPROACHMENT. BELIEVES US RESTRAINED
IN RESPONSE TO MOVES SO FAR, WANTS MIA ACCOUNTING.
VN WANTS RECONSTRUCTION AID, TRADE WITH PRIVATE US
FIRMS. OPINES HANOI FAR MORE PRAGMATIC THAN OTHER ASIAN
COMMUNIST STATES IN ATTITUDES ON PRIVATE BUSINESS,
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BUT ALSO LOOKS FOR RELS WITH US TO SECURE INDEPENDENCE,
OFFSET USSR INFLUENCE.

OVER 500 ARRESTED IN "ANTIBANDIT" CAMPAIGN IN SAIGON
AREA (AFP, NYT 1/3). HANOI RADIO SAYS ARMED FORCES
IN DARLAC PROV DRIVE TO DESTROY TROOPS LOYAL TO FORMER
GVN (AP, NYT 1/4; WP). TWO MAJOR CONCENTRATIONS
OPPOSITION FORCES IN HIGHLANDS REPORTEDLY ACTIVE: GROUP
FORMER SVN FORCES, MONTAGNARD TRIBESMEN FIGHTING UNDER
FULRO BANNER; RESISTANCE ALSO EXISTS IN DELTA, SAID HEADED
BY HOA HAO MEMBER. SECURITY FORCES ARREST OVER 1000
IN SVN FOR CRIMES COMMITTED BEFORE PRG TOOK OVER,
INCLUDING ROBBERIES, DRUG SMUGGLING, PROSTITUTION

(WP 1/3).

USSR PLANS GRANT EXTENSIVE AID TO NVN OVER NEXT 5 YRS, INCLUDING HELP ON 40 MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (JOC). HANOI PLANS INTRODUCE 3RD REGULAR WINTER HARVEST IN ALL NVN (AP, WP 1/4). GEN GIAP ARRIVES ALGIERS FROM CUBA FOR VISIT, ACCOMPANIED BY NVN DEP FONMIN THACH (AFP, NYT). OVER 4600 FOREIGNERS FLOWN FROM SAIGON ON 85 SPECIAL FLIGHTS ARRANGED BY FRANCE SINCE AUG 12 (AFP, NYT 1/4). AIRLINE SERVICE FROM DANANG, SAIGON TO HANOI WILL BE OPEN TO CIVILIAN TRAFFIC EARLY THIS YR. INTL FLIGHTS EXPECTED RESUME LATER IN 1976 (REUTER, NYT 1/3).

SEIDEN (SUN 1/3) AT HK TELLS STORY OF ETHNIC CHINESE FAMILY SEPARATED IN SAIGON IN SEPT, 1973, FINALLY REUNITED. SOLDIER SMUGGLED OUT OF COUNTRY; WIFE LEFT WITH US EVACUATION, FINALLY ARRIVED HK VIA PENDLETON TO REJOIN HUSBAND.

AFP (WP 1/3) REVIEWS 1975 FOR VN, FINDS IT YR OF PEACE, PROBLEMS, NVIETS HAVE VISIBLE DESIRE FOR BETTER LIFE; SVIETS ENJOYED ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY. WRITER RECOUNTS RUMORS OPEN DISAFFECTION OF NVN ANTHRACITE MINERS, RESULTING IN SLOWDOWNS, DUE DESIRE FEW PRIVILEGES SINCE COAL EARNS HARD CURRENCY. SEES ESSENTIAL QUESTION AS HOW REUNITE NVN, SVN; IF SMOOTHLY DONE, VN COULD BECOME ECON, MIL FORCE IN ASIA.
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TRUCK CONVOYS CARRY SUPPLIES FROM NVN TO LAOS (WP 1/4); HANOI DECIDED LEND "FREE AID" TO LAOS IN 1976 TO HELP OVERCOME IMMEDIATE DIFFICULTIES (WP 1/3).

SIHANOUK HOSTS NEW YR'S BANQUET AT PP AFTER RETURNING FROM TOUR ASIAN, AFRICAN, EUR NATIONS. CAMBODIA DECIDES PROVIDE LAOS WITH 3000 TONS RICE TO HELP SOLVE SHORTAGE (WP 1/3). NEW CAMBODIAN CONSTITUTION COMES INTO FORCE TODAY; COUNTRY TO BE CALLED "DEMOCRATIC CAMBODIA" (REUTER BANGKOK).

3. CHINA

REUTER (PEKING) REPORTS INFORMED SOURCES SAYING TENG HSAIO-PING HAD 150-MINUTE DISCUSSION WITH VISITING CODEL WOMEN FRIDAY, LECTURED THEM ON "FAILURE OF DETENTE" AND "NAIVETY" WITH WHICH US "HAS PURSUED IT AS END IN ITSELF. VISITORS HAD RECEIVED SIMILAR ANTI-DETENTE THURSDAY FROM FM CHIAO (REUTER NYT, SUN 1/3) CODEL LEFT PEKING BY AIR SUNDAY TO VISIT SZECHWAN AREA SELDOM OPEN TO FOREIGNERS NYT.

PEKING RESIDENT CORRESPONDENT OF HUNGARIAN NEWS AGENCY (MTI) INTERPRETS PEKING'S NEW VISIT INVITATION TO NIXON THROUGH EISENHOWERS AS BACKHANDED SLAP AT PRES FORD, SHOWING CHINESE LIKE NIXON APPROACH BETTER THAN FORD POLICY (WP 1/3).

JULIE/DAVID WENT SIGHTSEEING IN SOUTHERN CHINA FRIDAY AS SPECIAL FILM ON THEIR VISIT SCREENED THROUGHOUT COUNTRY (REUTER NYT, WP). PHILA BULLETIN (1/1) CARRIES AP PHOTO OF MAO TSE-TUNG WELCOMING EISENHOWERS DURING LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEETING.

IN JAN 5 HK-MONITORED COMMENTARY, NCNA SAYS SHIPPING GOODS TO SOVIET AS WAY OF ENDING WEST'S RECESSION IS "LIKE NURSING A TIGER ONLY TO BE DEVoured BY HIM IN THE END" (REUTER HK).

PRC SATURDAY BLAMED BREZHNEV PERSONAL LEADERSHIP FOR POOR 1975 SOVIET HARVEST, CALLING IT LOWEST IN DECADE, UNCLASSIFIED

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EVEN ACCORDING "MOST GENEROUS ESTIMATES." COMMENTARY ALSO RIDICULED BREZHNEV EFFORTS TO MAKE SOVIET PEOPLE CONSERVE GRAIN BY PROMOTING "SUPERIORITY" OF SMALL BUNS OVER ORDINARY BREAD LOAVES (AP SUN 1/4).

NCNA CHARGED SATURDAY THAT MOSCOW "SINGLE-HANDEDLY PROVOKED" ANGOLA CIVIL WAR IN ATTEMPT DESTROY AFRICAN UNITY. MADE NO REFERENCE PRAVDA ACCUSATION PEKING GUILTY OF "UNCEREMONIOUS INTERFERENCE" IN ANGOLAN AFFAIRS (AP SUN 1/4).

US CHINA BUSINESS REVIEW REPORTS, DESPITE ANTAGONISMS, PRC AND SOVIET RECENTLY CONCLUDED "TRADE-AND-PAYMENTS AGREEMENT" CALLING FOR BILATERAL TRADE VOLUME OF 211 MILLION RUBLES DURING 12-MONTH PERIOD. SOVIETS WILL PROVIDE PRC CIVIL-AERONAUTICAL TECHNOLOGY, SPARE PARTS, ELECTRICITY GENERATORS OF 200,000-KILOWATT CAPACITY, HEAVY DUMP-TRUCKS, MOTOR EQUIPMENT, AGRIC MACHINERY, SPARE PARTS, OTHER ASSORTED ITEMS; PRC WILL PROVIDE SOVIET NONFERROUS METALS/ORES, OTHER RAW MATERIALS, FRUITS, ASSORTED CONSUMER GOODS (WSJ).

SUN (JAN 3) REPRINTS NYT (URUMCHI) REPORT THAT WILD WEST-STYLE FILMS VIEWED DURING TOUR OF SINKIANG UIGHUR AREA SHOWS "GOOD GUYS" WERE WORKING WOMEN, WHILE "BAD GUYS" WERE THEIR ARROGANT, JEALOUS, INSENSITIVE HUSBANDS OR MALE CO-WORKERS. MOVIES REplete WITH ARCHIE BUNKER-VARIETY HUMOR DESIGNED MAKE MALE CHAUVISITS LAUGH AT REFLECTIONS OF THEMSELVES.

GROC REPORTS BUDGET SURPLUS OF MORE THAN BILLION DOLLARS ACCUMULATED OVER LAST 10 YEARS; MAINTAINS SURPLUS REACHED

500,000 DOLS IN FY 1974 ALONE, MUCH OF IT MADE POSSIBLE
BY INCREASE IN TAX REVENUES, SPENDING CUTBACKS. REPORTS
PART OF SURPLUS WILL BE USED HELP FINANCE MAJOR CONSTRUCTION

PROJECTS, INCLUDING TWO HARBORS, AIRPORT, SHIPYARD,
STEEL MILL (STLP-D 12/28).

CAL PLANS INCREASE FLIGHTS TO JAPAN BEGINNING EARLY
1975, COMPANY PRES ANNOUNCED TUESDAY (JOC).
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FREE SERIES OF CHINESE FEATURE FILM FOR ADULTS, MADE
AVAILABLE THROUGH ROC EMBASSY WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES,
WILL BE HELD AT 2 PM SUNDAYS AT CATONSVILLE BRANCH
OF BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY (SUN).

4. EAST TIMOR

FRETELIN SYG ALARICO FERNANDES SAID ON RADIO SATURDAY
THAT AUSSIE FREE-LANCE NEWSMAN ROGER EAST KILLED DEC 7 WHEN
INDO FORCES MOVED INTO DILI. PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT SAFE
IN HILLS WITH FRETELIN FORCES (REUTER, WP 1/4).

FERNANDES ALSO SAID INDO-BACKED TROOPS USING INCENDIARY
BOMBS AGAINST HOMES, CROPS, FARMLAND. APPEALED TO GOA
FOR IMMEDIATE AIR EVACUATION, OR PROTECTION OR ORGANIZA-
TIONS PREPARED TO TAKE OUT REFUGEES (REUTER, NYT 1/4).

5. AUSTRALIA

FINAL RESULTS OF DEC 13 ELECTION ANNOUNCED FRIDAY. LP
WON 68 SEATS, NCP 23 GIVING COALITION TOTAL OF 91 SEATS
IN HOUSE, 55-SEAT MAJORITY (REUTER, NYT 1/3).

6. TUVALU

ELLIS ISLANDERS ENDED THREE-DAY CELEBRATION SATURDAY,
MARKING EMERGENCE OF NEW TERRITORY NAMED TUVALU. SOME
7,000 POLYNESIAN RESIDENTS VOTED IN 1974 REFERENDUM
TO SEVER CENTURY-LONG TIES WITH MICRONESIANS ON GILBERT
ISLANDS. UK UNOFFICIALLY PLANS CONFER INTERNAL SELF-GOVT
STATUS LATER THIS YEAR (REUTER, NYT 1/3).

7. THAILAND

FARMERS JOIN GENL STRIKE PROTESTING GOVT-ORDERED
INCREASED RICE PRICE (WP). GOVT EMPLOYEES JOIN PRIVATE
INDUSTRY WORKERS IN STRIKE, IGNORE LAST-MINUTE KUKRIT
APPEAL (UPI, JOC). WP'S SIMONS AT BANGKOK (1/3)
DESCRIBES STRIKE AGAINST RTG INTENTION RAISE RICE PRICE
20 PCT ON JAN 15 IN ORDER MAINTAIN PRICE PAID FARMERS
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FOR RICE EXPORTED. LABOR LEADERS SAY MIDDLEMEN RAKE OFF MONEY, DEMAND GOVT CLEAN UP CORRUPT PRACTICES BY DEALERS. NOTES SHIPS NOT BEING LOADED/UNLOADED, AND SOME BUSES NOT RUNNING SO FAR; BUT LABOR CONFEDERATION THREATENS CUT OFF CAPITAL'S WATER, ELECTRICITY; NO

VIOLENCE SO FAR, BUT ARMY, POLICE ON ALERT. BELIEVES KUKRIT MOVE TO APPEASE RURAL MAJORITY. SIMONS ALSO RECOUNTS RTG'S CONCERN OVER INSURGENCIES, POSSIBLE INCREASED ARMS AID TO REBELS BY NVN, LAOS.

OPPOSITION PARTIES WILL TRY THROW OUT KUKRIT GOVT, SAY WANT GOVT MORE FORESIGHTED, EFFICIENT (UPI, WP).

RTG CUSTOMS SAYS ADMIN DIFFICULTIES IN LAOS KEEP THAI CONVOYS FROM CROSSING REOPENED BORDER (WP). THAI POLICE SAY 3 KHMERS WOUNDED SEEKING REFUGE, OVER 10 KR SOLDIERS KILLED IN 3 SEPARATE CLASHES IN CAMBODIA NEAR BORDER (WP 1/3).

8. BURMA

GUB TROOPS KILL 39 FORMER CHINAT SOLDIERS ENGAGED IN OPIUM SMUGGLING, CAPTURE 43 IN 2 SKIRMISHES IN E BURMA (WP; REUTER, NYT; WSJ).

NO TRACE 150 WHO WENT DOWN ON FERRY ON IRRAWADDY NEAR RANGOON (WP); BOAT CARRIED BLACKMARKET FUEL SUPPLIES, BURNED, SANK, 12 DEAD, 150 MISSING (CHITRIB; UPI, NYT; WSJ).

9. GENERAL

WSJ GLOBAL REPORT ON INFLATION NOTES LESS-DEVELOPED ASIAN STATES RECORDED REMARKABLY LOW PRICE INCREASES LAST YEAR: TAIWAN (2.2 PCT); MALAYSIA (3.4 PCT); PHILIPPINES (4 PCT); SINGAPORE (1.3 PCT); THAILAND (1.9 PCT).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

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SEIDEN (SUN 1/4) NOTES NEW YEAR MERELY MARKED END 1975 ELSEWHERE, SIGNIFIED CLEAR TURNING POINT IN JAPAN, AT CLOSE OF 50TH YEAR REIGN OF SHOWA EMPEROR. MIKI VISITED WASHINGTON ON 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIROSHIMA, WITHOUT MENTIONING A-BOMB; LATER BECAME FIRST POST-WAR PM TO TAKE PART IN ANNUAL SERVICE FOR WAR DEAD, PERHAPS

BECAUSE HE FELT AFTER 30 YEARS OF GOOD RELATIONS WITH US,

JAPAN NEED NO LONGER WORRY ABOUT WARTIME IMAGE. FALL OF VN SPARKED REASSESSMENT OF NATION'S SECURITY, BUT SO FAR HAS HAD LITTLE CONCRETE IMPACT ON US-JAPAN RELATIONS. NEW ERA MOST ACUTELY FELT IN ECONOMY WHICH POSTED UNPRECEDENTED YEAR OF NEGATIVE GROWTH FOLLOWING OIL CRISIS. SEES JAPAN STALEMATED IN TRIANGULAR RELATIONS WITH PRC, SOV, UNABLE YET NEGOTIATE PEACE TREATY WITH EITHER.

11. INDOCHINA

NYT (1/3) FINDS APR 29, WHEN US EVACUATED SVN, DAY TO REMEMBER AS TURNING POINT IN US AFFAIRS IN BELATED RECOGNITION POWER HAS PROPER LIMITS. RECALLS HAK 1969 WARNING THAT COMPLEXITIES CHANGING WORLD MAKE IMPOSSIBLEIMPOSE "AMERICAN DESIGN."

STLPD (12/28) COMMENTS ON ANGOLA SITUATION; NOTES ARGUMENT THAT US FAILURE ACT WILL "CONVINCE" OTHER NATIONS THEIR SECURITY IS JEOPARDIZED MUST SOUND HOLLOW TO DEPOSED LEADERS OF VN, CAMBODIA, LAOS WHO LOOKED TO US FOR SECURITY.

FOREIGN POLICY'S MANSHEL (WSTAR 1/4) FINDS LESSON OF VN THAT US CANNOT BE OMNIPOTENT, OMNIPRESENT. SEES US ENTERING NEW ERA FREE OF OVER-INVOLVEMENT, OVER-COMMITMENT TO CAUSE NEVER WINNABLE.

SUN'S TREWHITT (1/4) BELIEVES VN DEFEAT CONTINUES HAUNT US, CAUSES IDENTITY PROBLEM. NOTES PEKING SUPPORTED VN COMMUNISTS, BUT TURNS TO WASHINGTON FOR LEADERSHIP OUT OF FEAR OF USSR. REVIEWS IMPACT OF VN LOSS ON UNCLASSIFIED

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GROWING PERIOD OF UNCERTAINTY THAT AFFECTS OTHER WORLD AREAS.

12. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

MANCHESTER GUARDIAN'S WOOLACOTT IN HK (WP) DIAGNOSES MALAISE AFFLICTING AUSSIE ARMED FORCES, SHOWN BY RESIGNATION OF MIDDLE-GRADE OFFICERS AT ALARMING RATE, "WAVERING" MORALE AMONG ALL SERVICES INCLUDING RESERVES. CITES LACK OF MONEY AS IMMEDIATE CAUSE, BUT NOTES PULLOUT FROM VN LEFT WAS "SHATTERING" BECAUSE MARKED END OF "EXPEDITIONARY ERA" THAT SAW AUSSIES GO OFF TO HELP "BIG BROTHER" UK, US FROM TIME OF BOER WAR TO INDOCHINA. OFFICERS NOW CONSTRAINED AGREE WITH LABOR, LIBERAL GOVTS THAT CHANCES OF INVASION "CLOSE TO NIL," AND HAVE

NO CLEAR DEFENSE ROLE. PROUD HEIRS OF TRADITION
STRETCHING FROM GALLIPOLI TO KOKODA TRAIL AND VUNG TAU
SEEN CONTINUING FLOUNDER UNTIL NEW MILITARY ROLE DEFINED,
ORGANIZATION AND MONEY PROVIDED FILL IT.

IAN STEWART (NYT SPECIAL) IN SYDNEY NOTES REPORTS JAPANESE
ECONOMY NOT RECOVERING RAPIDLY AS EXPECTED FROM RECESSION
DIM HOPES FOR HAPPY, PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. MAJOR TRADING
PARTNER JAPAN TAKES 30 PCT OF ALL AUSSIE EXPORTS, AND
IMPORTS 60 PCT OF ITS BAUXITE, 45 PCT OF ITS IRON ORE,
30 PCT OF ITS COKING COAL FROM AUSTRALIA. FINANCIAL
REVIEW CONCLUDES PROSPECT ,ALARMING" THAT NATION'S PRIMARY
RAW MATERIAL EXPORT MARKET NOT LIKELY RETURN QUICKLY TO
HIGH GROWTH SOON.

NYT'S ANDELMAN IN PORIRUA DESCRIBES RACIAL TENSIONS
DISTURBING THIS COMPANY TOWN BUILT AROUND TODD MOTORS
PLANT. SAYS TYPICAL OF KIND THAT PLAYED ROLE IN RECENT
ELECTION, AND CAUSE MULDOON TALK OF SHIPPING POLYNESIANS
WHO GET INTO TROUBLE WITH POLICE BACK WHERE THEY CAME FROM.
NOTES 60,000 ISLANDER RESIDENTS CONCERNED WITH ATTITUDE
EXPRESSED BY PM, AND IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE.

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PHILA BULL (12/29) ALERTS READERS TO FACT THEY HELPED
GIVE "GREAT HOLIDAY GIFT" TO DOZEN SENATORS (NONE FROM
PHILA AREA), THEIR WIVES AND FAVORED STAFF AIDES -- AN
18-DAY JUNKET TO HAWAII, TAHITI, AUSTRALIA, NZ, WITH
RETURN STOP IN MEXICO CITY. SENATORS INSIST THIS
"FACT-FINDING TRIP," BUT VOTERS PROBABLY WON'T EVEN GET
POST CARD, LET ALONE REPORT ON WHAT SENATORS LEARNED.

14. CHINA

CSM'S HARSCH (JAN 2) FORESEES 1976 WORLD AFFAIRS
DOMINATED BY UNUSUAL FACT US, PRC, SOVIET ARE ALL AT
SAME TIME GOING THROUGH PROCESS PICKING NEW LEADERS.
SAYS TENG HSIAO-PING ACTING AS BOTH CCP/GOVT HEAD, BUT
DOING SO UNDER SHELTER OF ENORMOUS MAO/CHOU PRESTIGE --
BOTH OF WHOM FRAIL, "IN FACT POLITICALLY RETIRED";
TENG HIMSELF 71 YEARS OLD. NO ONE CAN BE SURE HIS
AUTHORITY WILL SURVIVE WITHDRAWAL MAO/CHOU PANOPLY,
WHICH, IN NORMAL COURSE HUMAN EVENTS, SEEMS LIKELY
OCCUR THIS YEAR. THUS, IN ALL THREE COUNTRIES, THERE
IS SAME INEVITABLE SLOWING DOWN OF DECISION-MAKING
WHICH TAKES PLACE DURING POLITICAL TRANSITION PROCESS.
MEANS CHINESE HAVE LITTLE TO GAIN IN DOING BUSINESS RIGHT

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NOW WITH FORD OR BREZHNEV, AND IN ALL THREE COUNTRIES FOREIGN POLICY WILL BE MANAGED ON CONSERVATIVE BASIS. SEES PEKING RELEASE OF THREE SOVIET AIRMEN MEANING DAMPING DOWN ON ATMOSPHERE OF HOSTILITY BETWEEN COMMUNIST POWERS, ALSO PERHAPS INTENDED WORRY US--AND 'IT DID.'" BUT NOTHING LIKELY CHANGE IN CONDITIONS WHICH HAVE CAUSED SINO-SOVIET MUTUAL SUSPICIONS, AND NOTHING LIKELY CHANGE USEFULNESS FOR US AND PRC OF EASY, COMFORTABLE MUTUAL RELATIONS.

WSTAR (JAN 3) DECLARES PEKING'S SUDDEN RELEASE OF THREE SOVIET AIRMEN HAS MARKS OF SERIOUS DIPLOMATIC EVENT. PRC LEADERS NOT GIVEN TO CAPRICIOUS GOODWILL GESTURES, UNCLASSIFIED

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EVEN AT CHRISTMAS TIME, BUT ARE SOMETIMES GIVEN TO SYMBOLIC GESTURES OF LARGE SIGNIFICANCE. DOUBTLESS MORE THAN SOMEWHAT PREMATURE TO SPECULATE THAT RELEASE OF SOVIET AIRMEN HERALDS MAJOR CHANGE IN PEKING'S BITTER HOSTILITY TOWARD SOVIET; BUT, GIVEN LACK OF ANY BETTER EXPLANATION, POSSIBILITY CANNOT BE DISMISSED. CERTAINLY, CHINESE NOT ENTHUSIASTIC RECENTLY ABOUT RESULTS THEIR TENTATIVE NEW RELATIONS WITH US HAVE PRODUCED AND ARE NOT HAPPY ABOUT ASIAN ROLE US PROPOSING PLAY SINCE INDOCHINA FALL IN OFFSETTING INCREASE SOVIET INFLUENCE. SINO-SOVIET RAPPROCHEMENT NOW WOULD NOT MEAN END TO IDEOLOGICAL/POLITICAL STRUGGLE BETWEEN THEM OR THAT MAJOR SHIFT IN WORLD POWER BALANCE IN MAKING. MIGHT MEAN NO MORE THAN PEKING MOVE TO FOLLOW US LEAD IN MAKING CERTAIN ACCOMMODATIONS WITH MAJOR ADVERSARY; BUT EVEN THAT WOULD HAVE MASSIVE IMPLICATIONS FOR DOS POLICY-MAKERS.

ACCORDING LLOYD SHEARER ("PARADE"), "HAT HAS GONE WRONG WITH" US POLICY OF BALANCING PRC AGAINST SOVIETS IS LATTER SIMPLY DO NOT BELIEVE US WOULD JOIN FORCES WITH CHINESE OR HELP THEM DEFEAT SOVIETS. "THEY SEE NO INDICATION OF ANY US IMPLEMENTATION; SHANGHAI AGREEMENT'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ONE CHINA, OF WHICH TAIWAN PART. MAINTAINS ADMIN VISITS TO PEKING "ESSENTIALLY CONSTITUTE WINDOW DRESSING" UNTIL TAIWAN ISSUE SETTLED, AND HAVE LITTLE OR NO EFFECT ON RESTRAINING OFFENSIVE SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY. RECALLS RECENT JOHN SERVICE DECLARATION AT STANFORD U THAT -WE'RE SITTING ON A TIME BOMB" INSOFAR

TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL'S MUNRO, IN PEKING OBSERVES PRC IS TREATING VISITING JULIE EISENHOWER ALMOST LIKE CHIEF OF STATE, REFLECTING STRONGLY FAVORABLE ATTITUDE IT RETAINS FOR HER FATHER. CITES WIDESPREAD FEELING IN

PEKING'S FOREIGN COMMUNITY THAT EISENHOWERS' VISIT IS ONLY MODEST PREVIEW OF GRAND TOUR OF PRC BY NIXON HIMSELF, PERHAPS SOON AFTER US ELECTIONS. SEES EISENHOWERS OVERSHADOWING CONCURRENT CODEL VISITING PRC.

JOC'S STRAUSS, IN HK, SUGGESTS CHINA-WATCHERS WHO HAVE UNCLASSIFIED

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SEEN 1975 AS VERY GOOD YEAR FOR PRC ECONOMY MAY BE PERPLEXED THAT IMPORANT NEW YEAR'S EDITORIAL PUBLISHED IN MAJOR PRC NEWSPAPERS PLACED MORE STRESS ON IDEOLOGY THAN ON PRODUCTION AND WAS MORE STRONGLY WORDED THAN LAST YEAR'S. OBSERVES PARAGRAPHS OF PRAISE FOR TWO OF MAO'S 1965 POEMS ARE GIVEN FIRST PLACE IN EDITORIAL WHICH WILL AFFORD CHINA-WATCHERS MUCH MEAT FOR STUDY FOR MANY DAYS, SINCE THEY CALL FOR STRUGGLE AND ATTACK SOVIET COMMUNISM.

SUN (JAN 3) SEES REMNANTS OF PRO-TAIWAN "CHINA LOBBY" PROVOKED TO NEW BURST OF ACTIVITY BY HAK'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PEKING WANTS RELATIONS WITH US SIMILAR TO THOSE IT HAS WITH TOKYO--FULL SINO-US RELATIONS AND INFORMAL "TRADE ASSOCIATION" US-ROC TIES. MAINTAINS CHINA LOBBYISTS RISK SQUANDERING STILL-EXISTING SYMPATHY FOR THEIR CAUSE AMONG AMERICANS PEOPLE IF THEY USE IT TO RESIST INEVITABLE END TO "BIZARRE CIRCUMSTANCE" THAT KEPT US ISOLATED MORE THAN TWO DECADES FROM PRC AUTHORITIES. KISSINGER

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